

GDP REVISED UP IN THIRD QUARTER

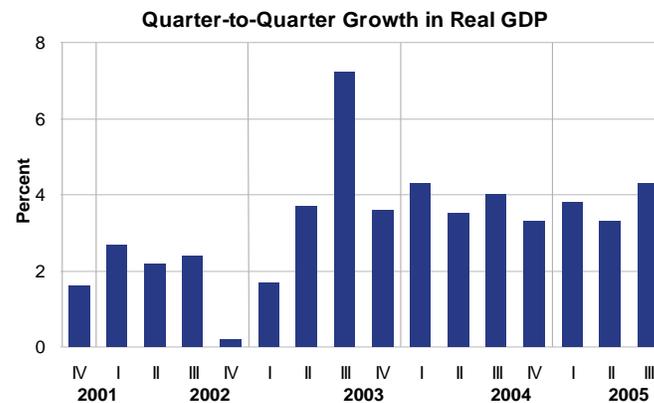
First Estimate of Profits Released

The economy grew at an annual rate of 4.3 percent in the third quarter, compared with 3.3 percent in the second quarter, according to the “preliminary” U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. The third-quarter growth rate was revised up 0.5 percentage point from the “advance” estimates released in October. BEA also released its first estimate of third-quarter corporate profits, which increased 16.5 percent from the same quarter a year ago.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

The increase in real GDP primarily reflected increases in consumer spending, investment in equipment and software, federal government spending, and residential fixed investment.

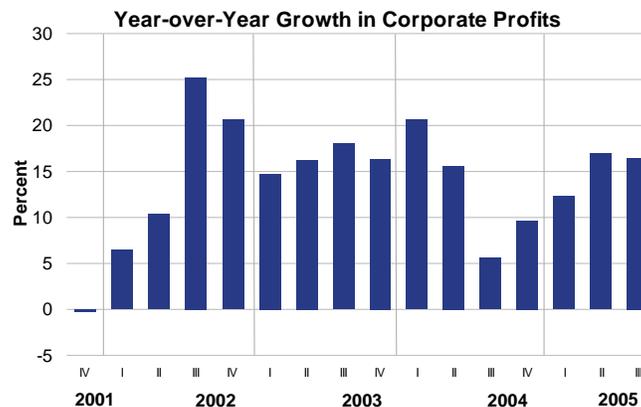
The upward revision to real GDP growth reflected revisions to investment in single-family structures, consumer spending on nondurable goods, investment in equipment and software, and investment in nonresidential structures.



Real GDP growth is measured at seasonally adjusted annual rates.

Corporate Profits

The 16.5-percent year-over-year rise in profits mainly reflected a rise in the profits of domestic nonfinancial industries. Quarter to quarter, profits fell 3.4 percent, reflecting losses from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



Corporate profits growth is measured as the percent change from the same quarter one year ago.

BEA data—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA Web site: www.bea.gov.

NOTE: Additional information that becomes available in the coming weeks will be incorporated in a “final” estimate of second-quarter GDP—and a revised estimate of corporate profits—on December 21, 2005.